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Docket: T3392-907823

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :
William R. LEHMAN : Examiner:
Serial No.: 10/015,583 : Minh Chau Thi Pham
Filed: December 17, 2001 : Group Art Unit: 1724
For: System and Method for Removing Contaminates :
from the Air in a Mail-sorting Room :
McLean, Virginia
July 25, 2003

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This Request for Reconsideration is filed in response to the Official
Action dated January 29, 2003, directed to the above-identified application.

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of the present application is respectfully
requested.

In the January 29 Official Action, all of Claims 1-37 were rejected under
35 USC §103(a), as being obvious in view of a combination of teachings of Dastoli
(U.S. 4,880,581) and Thomas et al. (U.S. 5,083,558), and additional prior art
references. This response focuses primarily on the rejection of Claims 1 and 12 in
view of Dastoli and Thomas, and the rejection of Claim 15 and claims depending